

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for screwing sealing caps ~~{{(V)}}~~ onto containers ~~{{(G)}}~~, comprising several closing heads ~~{{(2)}}~~ revolving on a closed track, each closing head ~~{{(2)}}~~ having a gripping tong ~~{{(3)}}~~ which can be moved on and off in a controlled manner, each gripping tong ~~{{(3)}}~~ having a control unit ~~{{(4)}}~~ allocated thereto and to revolve therewith, each control unit movable relative to the closed track ~~{{(K)}}~~ between an opening position opening the gripping tong ~~{{(3)}}~~ and a closed position closing the gripping tong ~~{{(3)}}~~, each control unit having a cam which rotates relative to a rotor wherein the cam is coupled to a push rod that is displaced by the cam to activate the gripping tong, and the control unit ~~{{(4)}}~~ being operable to change direction ~~[by stationary steps (5, 6)]~~ between the opening position and the closed position by one or more stationary stops.

2. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of or both the closed position and the opening position of the control units ~~{{(4)}}~~ is stabilized in a self-limiting manner.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim ~~[3]~~ 1, wherein every control unit ~~{{(4)}}~~ has an angle lever ~~{{(9)}}~~ non-rotatably connected with the cam ~~{{(7)}}~~, which lever cooperates with the stationary stops ~~{{(5, 6)}}~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim ~~[3]~~ 1, wherein the rotational axis of the cam ~~{{(7)}}~~ and the longitudinal axis of the push rod ~~{{(8)}}~~ are positioned in parallel with ~~[the]~~ a rotational axis ~~{{(D)}}~~ of the rotor ~~{{(1)}}~~, and the cam ~~{{(7)}}~~ is constructed as a spatial curve.

6. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the one or more stationary stops (~~5', 6'~~) have curved parts (~~42, 43~~) proceeding obliquely to the closed track (~~4~~) of the closing heads (~~2~~).

7. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the control units (~~4~~) are provided with rollers (~~39~~) which scan the curved parts (~~42, 43~~).